AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 13 (Canceled)

14. (New) A printhead assembly comprising:

a printhead arranged to print on an image-receiving substrate;

a platen;

a support;

a first frame slideably connected to said support, one of said printhead and said platen being mounted on said first frame;

a driver for driving said first frame relative to said support to cause the one of said printhead and platen to move in a linear direction toward the other; and

a compressor arranged to exert a biasing force on one of said printhead and said platen, when said driver drives said first frame relative to said support.

15. (New) The printhead assembly of claim 14 wherein said compressor is disposed between the first frame and the printhead or platen, respectively.

16. (New) The printhead assembly of claim 14 comprising a second frame, the other one of the printhead and platen being mounted on said second frame.

17. (New) A printhead assembly of claim 16 wherein said compressor is arranged so as to compressibly support the second frame.

18. (New) The printhead assembly of claim 14 comprising a third frame slideably connected to said support wherein the compressor is connected between said first and third frames.

19. (New) The printhead assembly of claim 18 wherein the driver drives said third frame together with said first frame, relative to said support.

20. (New) The printhead assembly of claim 18 wherein, when the printhead is mounted on the first frame the driver is arranged to drive the third frame toward the first frame when said print head abuts the image-receiving substrate, causing the compressor to be compressed.

21. (New) A printhead assembly of claim 16 wherein, when the printhead is mounted on the first frame, driving the first frame relative to the support causes the compressor to be compressed when the print head abuts said image-receiving substrate.

22. (New) A printhead assembly comprising:

a printhead arranged to print on an image-receiving substrate;

a platen;

a support;

a first frame slideably connected to said support, one of said printhead and said platen being mounted on said first frame; and

a driver for driving said first frame relative to said support in accordance with information stored with said image receiving substrate, to cause the one of said printhead and platen to move in a linear direction toward the other.

23. (New) A printer comprising:

an input device for inputting data

a printhead arranged to print on an image-receiving substrate;

a platen;

a support;

a first frame slideably connected to said support, one of said printhead and platen being mounted on said first frame;

a driver for driving said first frame relative to said support to cause the one of said printhead to move in a linear direction toward the other; and

a compressor arranged to exert a biasing force on one of said printhead and said platen, when said driver drives said first frame relative to said support.

24. (New) A printer of claim 23 wherein the first frame is driven to a predetermined position relative to said support in accordance with said input data.

25. (New) A method of controlling a printhead assembly comprising:

a printhead arranged to print on an image-receiving substrate;

a platen;

a support;

a first frame slideably connected to said support, one of said printhead and said platen being mounted on said first frame; and

a compressor arranged to exert a biasing force on one of said printhead and said platen,

wherein said method comprise the steps of driving said first frame relative to said support to a predetermined position, and said compressor exerting a biasing force on one of said printhead and said platen wherein said first frame is driven relative to said support.